

Rt 50 & Trailhead Roundabout Update

Board Unanimously Approves Contract Award for Design & Build of Roundabout Project

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I'm pleased to announce that the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved award of a Design & Build contract for the Route 50/Trailhead Drive Roundabout project at our October 19, 2021, Business Meeting.

The contract has been awarded to Shirley Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$5,997,300.

As a requirement within the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the 30%

project design must be presented during a Public Input Session. As always, I will continue to share updates regarding this project and future Public Input Sessions.



My office worked hard to change and accelerate Loudoun's plan for this intersection from the previously envisioned traffic signal with no plan for construction, to the currently planned and fully funded roundabout with accelerated construction timeline. We did so to improve safety and to maintain the rural character of this portion of the "Route 50 Traffic Calming Corridor" located within the County's more rural, Transition Policy Area.

We were initially able to have the project added as a new project within the County's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with funding in Fiscal Year's 2022, 2023 and 2024. Since that time, due to ongoing development, new schools, and increased intersection safety concerns, I was able to successfully lobby for an updated funding plan which accelerated funding of the project by 3 years, thus now fully funding the \$14.4 million dollar project in Fiscal Year 2021. **Based on this accelerated funding approval, the project is now scheduled for substantial completion in the Fall of 2024** - a full 3 years prior to the previously anticipated substantial completion timeline of 2027!



About the Project:

The Route 50/Trailhead Drive Roundabout project provides for the planning, design, right of way (ROW) acquisition, and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Route 50 and Trailhead Drive in Aldie. The project is intended to improve traffic operations and control operating speeds along Route 50 at this intersection.

The roundabout will include two westbound lanes to provide for left-turning and through/right-turning traffic. The northbound approach from Trailhead Drive will include a bypass lane to eastbound Route 50. The project will also include stormwater management, drainage improvements and roadway lighting within the roundabout.

Once the design process is complete, land acquisition and utility relocation will follow as part of the construction phase, currently estimated to begin in Spring of 2023. The project's substantial completion - when the roundabout will be open to the public for travel - is scheduled for Fall of 2024.

All our best!

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